

2002/0180933 (“Ito”). Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Ouchi, in view of Shahzad et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0191154 (“Shahzad”).

In the Response filed on September 2, 2005, regarding claim 1, Applicants noted that the Examiner acknowledges that Ouchi fails to teach or suggest a scrolling unit, as claimed, and that Dewald fails to teach or suggest a scrolling unit “comprising at least one lens cell,” as claimed. Regarding claims 2-20, Applicants asserted that the Bierhuizen, Ito, and Shahzad references fail to remedy the deficiencies of Ouchi and Dewald, and therefore, claims 2-20 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependence on claim 1.

In response to this argument, in the current Office Action, the Examiner merely re-states that “Dewald teaches an illumination system for scrolling color recycling.” (Office Action, p. 2). This comment fails to specifically address Applicants’ assertion that the Dewald spiral color wheel, which is used for color scrolling, acts as a dynamic filter, but fails to teach or suggest any lens cell, as claimed. Therefore, as an initial matter, Applicants submit that the Examiner has failed to respond specifically to Applicants’ arguments, and thus, has failed to meet the requirements of MPEP §707.07(f)¹. Due to the Examiner’s failure to respond to Applicants’ arguments, Applicants respectfully submit that those arguments remain rebutted, and that the claims are allowable at least for those reasons previously of record.

¹ MPEP §707.07(f) requires that “[w]here the applicant traverses any rejection, the examiner should, if he or she repeats the rejection, take note of the applicant’s argument and answer the substance of it.”

In particular, Dewald is generally directed to an illumination system for scrolling color recycling. More specifically, Dewald teaches a spiral color wheel, as illustrated in Figure 2, which acts as a dynamic filter. (See Figure 2). As taught in Dewald, “[t]he dynamic filter is typically a set of moving dichroic filters, such as a color wheel. Each filter in the dynamic filter has a pass band in which light of a range of wavelengths is selected, in this case transmitted, while out of band light is rejected, in this case reflected.” (Para. 0030).

Thus, as illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 of Dewald, a light source emits light through a light recycler to the color wheel acting as a dynamic filter. (See Figure 1 and Figure 2). Dewald further teaches that each spiral of the color wheel transmits one band of wavelengths of light and reflects all other wavelengths back to the light recycler. Clearly, there is no teaching or suggestion whatsoever regarding a scrolling unit, comprising at least one lens cell, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 1-20 are patentable over any reasonable combination of the cited references and respectfully request that the rejections of the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

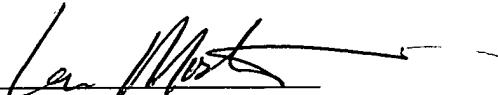
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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